

## CLAIMS

1. A commodity recycling method, comprising the steps of:  
selling or renting a commodity to a first user;  
5 collecting the commodity from the first user;  
estimating a remaining life of the commodity based  
on information indicating a usage history of the commodity  
recorded in a recording section provided in the commodity;  
determining sale terms or lease terms based on the  
10 estimated remaining life of the commodity;  
selling or renting the commodity to a second user  
in accordance with the sale terms or the lease terms;  
collecting the commodity from the second user; and  
dismantling the commodity into a plurality of parts  
15 after the collection of the commodity from the second user,  
wherein the recording section records the in-  
formation indicating the usage history of the commodity in  
a manner in which it is substantially impossible for a user  
of the commodity to alter the usage history information.  
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2. A commodity recycling method according to claim 1, wherein  
the sale and renting to the first user and the collection  
of the commodity from the first user are performed in a first  
country, and the sale and renting of the commodity to the  
25 second user and the collection of the commodity from the  
second user are performed in a second country, which is  
different from the first country.
3. A commodity recycling method according to claim 2, wherein  
30 the dismantling of the commodity into a plurality of parts  
is performed in the second country.
4. A commodity recycling method according to claim 3, wherein

techniques for dismantling the commodity are transferred from the first country to the second country.

5. A commodity recycling method according to claim 3, wherein  
5 a guidance on the techniques for dismantling the commodity is provided in the second country.

6. A commodity recycling method according to claim 1, wherein  
10 the commodity includes a device for sending particular information which is particular to the commodity.

7. A commodity recycling method according to claim 6, wherein  
15 the particular information includes distribution information for specifying a party involved in a distribution of the commodity, and when the particular information from the commodity ceases, notifies a party involved in the distribution of the commodity, which is specified by the distribution information included in the most recent piece of particular information from the commodity, that the  
20 particular information from the commodity has ceased.

8. A commodity recycling method according to claim 1, wherein  
25 the step of estimating the remaining life of the commodity comprises a step of obtaining the information indicating the usage history recoded in the recording section via a network.

9. A commodity recycling method, comprising the steps of:  
30 selling or renting a commodity to a first user;  
collecting the commodity from the first user;  
selling or renting the commodity to a second user;  
collecting the commodity from the second user; and  
dismantling the commodity into a plurality of parts

after the collection of the commodity from the second user,  
wherein the sale and renting to the first user and  
the collection of the commodity from the first user are  
performed in a first country, and the sale and renting of  
5 the commodity to the second user and the collection of the  
commodity from the second user are performed in a second  
country, which is different from the first country.

10 10. A commodity recycling method according to claim 9,  
wherein the dismantling of the commodity into a plurality  
of parts is performed in the second country.

15 11. A commodity recycling method according to claim 10,  
wherein techniques for dismantling the commodity are  
transferred from the first country to the second country.

20 12. A commodity recycling method according to claim 10,  
wherein a guidance on the techniques for dismantling the  
commodity is provided in the second country.

13. A commodity recycling method according to claim 9,  
wherein the commodity includes a device for sending particular  
information which is particular to the commodity.

25 14. A commodity recycling method according to claim 13,  
wherein the particular information includes distribution  
information for specifying a party involved in a distribution  
of the commodity, and when the particular information from  
the commodity ceases, notifies a party involved in the  
30 distribution of the commodity, which is specified by the  
distribution information included in the most recent piece  
of particular information from the commodity, that the  
particular information from the commodity has ceased.

15. A commodity recycling method, comprising the steps of:  
selling or renting the commodity to a first user in  
a first country;  
5 collecting the commodity from the first user in the  
first country; and  
exporting the commodity for sale or rental in a second  
country, which is different from the first country.
- 10 16. A commodity recycling method, comprising the steps of:  
importing a commodity sold or rented to a first user  
and collected from the first user in a first country into  
a second country, which is different from the first country;  
selling and renting the commodity to a second user  
15 in the second country; and  
collecting the commodity from the second user in the  
second country.